



GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Public Services – Treasuries and Accounts Department – Allegation of corruption against Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar, Sr. Accountant, Divisional Sub-Treasury Office, Chittoor District – Trapped on 19-03-2013 – Sanction for Prosecution – Orders – Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 82

Date: 11-04-2014

ORDER:

1) Whereas against Sri Karanam Kranthi Kumar, S/o. Late K.Suguna Gopal, Sr. Accountant, Divisional Sub Treasury Office, Tirupathi, Chittoor District worked from 21-06-2011 to 19-03-2013 and by virtue of posts held by him he falls under the category of public Servant as defined Under Section 2(c) of the P.C. Act, 1988.

2) Whereas, it is alleged that on 16-03-2013 at 10-00 AM Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy came to ACB Office, Tirupati and lodged a written complaint with Sri K. Krishnarajuna Rao, DSP, ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati. The facts of the report are that he is working as a Asst. Professor, Department of History, S.V. University, Tirupathi, residing in D.No. 4-22, Sri Krishna Nagar, M.R. Palli, Tirupati Town. His father Sri P. Rama Chandra Reddy retired as a Joint Director, Animal Husbandry Department in the year 1996 and getting his pension from Divisional Sub Treasury Office, Tirupati through his Canara Bank account. In the month of March he notice that his February, 2013 month pension was not credited. For which Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy approached the Pension clerk Sri.Kranthi Kumar in Divisional Sub Treasury Office, Tirupathi as his father is unable to move due to ill health and asked the reasons as to why his father's pension was not yet credited. The clerk replied that his father has to pay about Rs. 14,000/- towards income tax and hence he did not release his pension. Then Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy replied to the clerk that he is ready to pay the said amount as his father has no savings. But the clerk Sri Kranthi Kumar did not accept his proposal and demanded Rs.5,000/- as a bribe for releasing his father's pension, if he will not pay the demanded amount, he could not release his father's pension. Then Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy replied to the clerk that he has no interest to pay the bribe to him and asked him to deduct tax amount from his father's pension as usually done during the last year. But the clerk Sri Kranthi Kumar bluntly refused and said that he would not release his father's pension unless he pay the demanded bribe amount of Rs. 5,000/-. As he is not willing to pay the bribe amount to Sri Kranthi Kumar, he came to the ACB Office on 16-03-2013 and requested to take necessary action against the clerk Sri Kranthi Kumar.

3) And whereas, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, registered the report of Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy, as a case in Cr. No. 05/RCT-TCT/2013 U/s 7 of P.C. Act, 1988 of ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati at 09:15 AM on 19-03-2013 and investigated into. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Tirupati conducted pre-trap proceedings at the office of DSP, Tirupati in the presence of mediators, staff and Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy.

4) And whereas, after completion of pre-trap proceedings in the office of Deputy Superintendent of Police, on 09-03-2013 the trap party consisting of Deputy Superintendent of Police, four Inspectors, Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy and Mediators and staff of ACB left ACB Office, Tirupati at 11:05 AM proceeded to the office of Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar, Sr. Acct, i.e., Divisional Sub Treasury Office, Tirupati. At 11:20 A.M., the DSP got the five vehicles stopped at Mahathi Auditorium, near Town Club, Tirupati, which is near to the office of Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar at a short distance.

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The DSP asked Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy to proceed to the Office of Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar and to comply with the demand of bribe amount of Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar on his further demand only, but not otherwise and reminded about the pre-arranged signal. Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy proceeded to the office of Karnam Kranthi Kumar on foot and the DSP and trap party remain in vehicles. Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy directly went into the office of Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar and found present in his seat in the office. On seeing Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy, Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar asked him whether he had brought the bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- and he replied positively. Sri Karanam Kranthi Kumar went out side of his office and received the bribe amount with his right hand. Then immediately Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy went out side and gave a pre-arranged signal.

5) After receiving pre-arranged signal from Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy, the DSP along with trap party rushed towards the office of Sri Karanam Kranthi Kumar and Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy found coming opposite to the trap party and informed to the DSP that Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar had received the bribe amount from him. The DSP instructed Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy to wait outside and the DSP along with trap party entered into the office of Sri Karanam Kranthi Kumar, three male persons sitting in the chairs side by side and the DSP disclosed the identity. On that they all stunned and became silent. All of the three employees disclosed their identity as Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar, Sri Karnam Nagarajan Chandra Sekhar and Sri Jampala Eswariah.

6) And whereas, Deputy Superintendent of Police organized the chemical test on the both hand fingers of Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar and on doing so, the solution in glass tumbler in which right hand fingers was rinsed turned into pink colour. On questioning about the bribe amount, Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar produced a wad of Rs.500/- denomination currency notes received from Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy from his left side upper shirt pocket. The mediators counted and compared the numbers and denominations of the currency notes already noted in the pre-trap proceedings and found them tallied. The inside portion of left side shirt pocket of Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar in which the bribe amount was kept also yielded positive result in chemical test. The resultant solutions were seized after duly attested by the mediators and the DSP for further investigation. Then the DSP asked Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar about the presence of tainted bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- in his possession. Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar stated that on 19-03-2013 at about 11:30 A.M. Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy came to him and requested to release his father's pension for the month of February, 2013 duly deducting the Income Tax. So saying requested him to come out from the office for a minute, on that he went out towards North-Eastern open place of the office, where Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy has handed over a wad of Rs. 5,000/- to him and left the office. After few minutes, the ACB officials came and caught him. Later the DSP confronted Sri Putta Reddy Krishna Mohan Reddy with the version given by Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar and on that Sri Putta Reddy Krishan Mohan Reddy stated that, after alighting the ACB vehicles he went to the office of Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar, met him at his seat, he immediately asked him whether he had brought the demanded bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- and on that he gave reply that he bought the bribe amount. Then Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar came out of his office room (North-Eastern open place within the compound wall) and took the bribe amount with his right hand. Then he came out and gave the pre-arranged signal to the trap party. When the DSP asked Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar to offer his explanation before Sri Putta Reddy Krishan Mohan Reddy, he remained silent and did not give any explanation.

7) And whereas the Deputy Superintendent of Police seized the records/documents regarding the official favor pending i.e., 1) Spiral Binding Pay Bank Report for the month of January, 2013 of Divisional Sub-Treasury Office, Tirupati, 2) Spiral Binding Pay Bank Report for the month of February, 2013 of Divisional Sub-Treasury Office, Tirupati, 3) Annual Payments / Income Tax Calculation sheets Booklet, 4) Pension Modification Report Booklet for the month of February, 2013, O/o. Divisional Sub-Treasury, Tirupati, 5) Attendance Register and 6) Office Order Book. The DSP got recorded the versions of Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar and arrested him under a cover of post trap proceedings i.e., 19-03-2013 at 05.00 P.M. The above proceedings were reduced into writing in the form of mediator's report-2.

8) And whereas, the aforesaid acts of Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar, Senior Accountant, Divisional Sub-Treasury Office, Tirupati, Chittoor District constitute offences punishable under Section 7, 13 (2) r/w 13 (1) (d) of P.C. Act, 1988 (Act of 49 of 1988).

9) And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the authority competent to remove the said Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar, Senior Accountant, Divisional Sub-Treasury Office, Tirupati, Chittoor District after fully and carefully examining the materials viz., copy of First Information Report, copies mediator reports I&II, Final Report of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, gist of statements of witnesses and documents and other material placed before them, in respect of the aforesaid allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider then the said Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar, Senior Accountant, Divisional Sub-Treasury Office, Tirupati, Chittoor District should be prosecuted in a court of law for the said offence.

10) Now, therefore, in exercise of the Powers conferred by clause (b) of Sub-section (1) of Section 19 of the P.C. Act, 1988, (Act of 49 of 1988) the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the said Sri Karnam Kranthi Kumar, Senior Accountant, Divisional Sub-Treasury Office, Tirupati, Chittoor District for the offences punishable under Sections 7,13 (2) r/w 13 (1) (d) of P.C. Act, 1988 (Act of 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable and for any other provisions of law, for the time being in force, in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences, by court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(Dr. D. SAMBASIVA RAO)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP)

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